

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated. A complete set of the claims is included below, reflecting added subject matter (*underlining*) and deleted subject matter (*striketrough*), as well as the current status of each claim. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-45. (Canceled)

46. (Previously Presented) A method of distributing software between handheld computer systems, the method comprising:

demarking files on a first handheld computer system by a first user, the demarking indicating that the demarked files are available for downloading by a second handheld computer system by a second user;

automatically transferring, from the first handheld computer system to the second handheld computer system, summary information with respect to the demarked files when the first handheld computer system and the second handheld computer system are within a communication range according to a communication protocol, said summary information comprising promotional information associated with said demarked file provided by the provider of said demarked file and rating information associated with said demarked file provided by said first user.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the communication protocol is a wireless communication protocol.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the wireless communication protocol includes infrared light signaling.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein communications between the first handheld computer system and the second handheld computer system are direct.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, further comprising:
displaying at least a portion of the transferred summary information at the second handheld computer system;
selecting, via a user interface, at least a subset of the demarked files from the displayed portion of the transferred summary information at the second handheld computer system.
51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, wherein the selecting via the user interface further comprises touching an area of a display screen of the second handheld computer system.
52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, further comprising:
receiving, at the second handheld computer system, a download of the selected ones of the demarked files from the first handheld computer system in response to the selecting via the user interface at the second handheld computer system.
53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein at least some of the selected ones of the demarked files are executable files to be executed at the second handheld computer system.
54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the executable files include one or more application files that have limited functionality or limited time of use.
55. (Previously Presented) A handheld computer system comprising:
a bus;
a processor coupled to the bus;
a wireless transceiver coupled to the bus for transferring information to other computer systems; and
a memory coupled to the bus, wherein:
the handheld computer system is configured to:

store demarked files, the demarked files being demarked by a first user and being available for downloading to a second handheld computer system by a second user, and automatically transfer, to the second handheld computer system, summary information with respect to the demarked files when the second handheld computer system is within a communication range of the handheld computer system according to a communication protocol, said summary information comprising promotional information associated with said demarked file provided by the provider of said demarked file and rating information associated with said demarked file provided by said first user.

56. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 55, wherein the communication protocol is a wireless communication protocol.

57. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 56, wherein the wireless communication protocol includes infrared light signaling.

58. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 56, wherein the handheld computer system is configured to communicate directly with the second handheld computer system.

59. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 55, wherein the handheld computer system is configured to download selected ones of the demarked files to the second handheld computer system in response to receiving a download request from the second handheld computer system.

60. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 59, wherein at least some of the selected ones of the demarked files are executable files to be executed at the second handheld computer system.

61. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 60, wherein the executable files include one or more application files that have limited functionality or limited time of use.

62-69. (Canceled)

70. (Previously Presented) A handheld computer system comprising:
means for storing demarked files, the demarked files being demarked by a first user and being available for downloading to a second handheld computer system by a second user, and
means for automatically transferring, to the second handheld computer system, summary information with respect to the demarked files when the second handheld computer system is within a communication range of the handheld computer system according to a communication protocol, said summary information comprising promotional information associated with said demarked file provided by the provider of said demarked file and rating information associated with said demarked file provided by said first user.

71. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 70, wherein the communication protocol is a wireless communication protocol.

72. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 71, wherein the wireless communication protocol includes infrared light signaling.

73. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 71, further comprising:
means for communicating directly with the second handheld computer system.

74. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 70, further comprising:
means for downloading selected ones of the demarked files to the second handheld computer system in response to receiving a download request from the second handheld computer system.

75. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 74, wherein at least some of the selected ones of the demarked files to be downloaded by the means for downloading selected ones of the demarked files are executable files to be executed at the second handheld computer system.

76. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 75, wherein executable files include one or more application files that have limited functionality or limited time of use.

77. (New) A method of distributing software between computer systems, the method comprising:

demarking files on a first computer system by a first user, the demarking indicating that the demarked files are available for downloading from the first computer system; and
automatically transferring, from the first computer system to the second handheld computer system, metadata information with respect to the demarked files without the content of the demarked files when the first computer system enters into communication with a second computer system.

78. (New) the method of claim 77, wherein the first and second computer systems enter into communication automatically when they are positioned within a communication range.